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Title	: YARN PATH GUIDE, TRAVERSING : DEVICE OF FIBER BUNDLE AND : SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING : FIBER BUNDLE PACKAGE	

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated April 27, 2011.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Albey. The Applicants respectfully submit that Albey fails to explicitly or implicitly disclose all of the subject matter of Claims 1 and 2.

The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's detailed comments concerning the application of Albey to Claims 1 and 2, particularly with respect to identification of specific components of the yarn path guide and the copy of Fig. 1 taken from Albey with the application of the α and β applied to that Fig. 1. The Applicants respectfully submit, however, that there is a fundamental problem with the angles α and β .

Referring first to the Applicants' Claim 1, the Applicants note that Claim 1 recites "an angle between the rotating shaft of the supporting member and the original yarn path entering the guide roll is " α ." On the other hand, Claim 1 also specifically recites "an angle between the rotating shaft of the supporting member and the original yarn path coming out of the guide roll is " β ." In other words, α refers to the angle on the upstream side of the guide roll while β refers to the angle on the downstream side of the guide roll.